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TWO CENTS.

Alexander and Draga of

Servia Murdered.

DONE BY THE ARMY

Several Cabinet Ministers Also Killed.

PALACE IS GUARDED

NEW DYNASTY PROCLAIMED AT MIDNIGHT.

Asked to Abdicate, Alexander Showed Fight and, With His Consort and Ministers, Was Butchered.

BELGRADE, Servia, June 11.-A military revolution broke out here last night. The troops who revolted, under the leadership of Maj. Angikovies, surrounded the palace, assassinated King Alexander, Queen Draga, the latter's sister, the queen's brother, Nikodem: Premier Markovitch, Ministers Petrovitch and Tudorovics, Gen. Pavlovitch, the former minister of war, and some of the members of the royal guard. Prince Karageorgevitch was proclaimed

A new government was formed and the following proclamation was issued:

Proclamation Issued. "To the Servian pepte: Last night the king and queen were shot. In this grave and fateful moment friends of the fatherland have combined to form a new government. While the government makes this announcement to the people it is convinced that the Servian people will gather round it and lend it their aid to maintain order and security throughout the land.

"The government hereby makes known that from today the constitution of April 6, 1901, comes in force. A meeting of the national representatives, dissolved by the proclamation of March 24, is summoned to meet at Belgrade June 15.



King Alexander.

Protics, minister of the Interior; Georg Genshies, Minister of Commerce; Gen. Jorvan Alanazkovics, Minister of War; Vojislav Velikovics, Minister of Finance; Col. Alexander Machin, Minister of Public Works; L. Jubomir Schlokovics, Minister of Justice.

whose actions seem to approve the coup de stat. M. Protics, the new minister of the interior, was loudly cheered as he drove to the ministry. M. Avakumovics, the new premier, be-

The streets are thronged with people,

longs to the independent liberal party.

Last of His Race.

COLOGNE, June 11 .- A private telegram from Belgrade says: "The career of the Obrenovitch dynasty was closed in the early hours of this morning, the same day of the year on which Prince Michael was murdered thirty-five years ago in the park of Tophschider, near



Queen Draga.

Belgrade. Today a requiem mass was being sung in memory of Prince Michael, and now the last of his race, together will immediately march into Servia and with all connected with the dynasty by his unfortunate marriage, lies in a bier in the palace at Belgrade

Troops Guard Palace. "The people of Beigrade have been flock"The people of Beigrade have been flock-"
"The people of Beigrade have been flock-"
"Th ing the streets since 3 o'clock this morning.

discussing the tragedy, but without condemnation. A strong detachment of troops is encamped about the palace of the newly proclaimed king, who was a pretender to the throne for many years. He was born

1883 to Princess Zorka, daughter of Prince Nicholas of Montenegro. She died in

New King is Modest. GENEVA, June 11.-Prince Peter Karageorgevitch lives in a modest apartment on the Rue de la Bellotte. Recently he has been in constant communication with Servian politicians, has been several times to Vienna and has also visited St. Petersburg,

where his son is at school. GENEVA, Switzerland, June 11.—Prince Peter Karageorgevitch, who has been liv-ing here for some time, appeared to be greatly astonished at the news from Bel-grade, which, he said, he had only learned through a private telegram from Vienna.

Queen Killed With an Ax. BERLIN, June 11 .- A dispatch from Semlin, Hungary, to the National Zeitung gives an interesting version of the events at Belgrade. It says:

"A party of officers proceeded to the palace by previous arrangement with General Ljubasivkovics and called upon King Alexander to abdicate in favor of Prince Peter Karageorgevitch. The king refused and shot Colonel Naumovics, who made the proposal. The other officers thereupon summoned the war minister, General Pavlovitch, and Tudorovics, the minister of the interior, and shot the king and queen and Petrovics, one of the king's aid-de-camps, and other loval officers.

"The leader of the actual assailants was Lieutenant Colonel Mischich, who himself murdered the queen. The latter, together with her brother and sisters, was struck down with an ax. The queen died immediately. The king lived a few minutes. "The immediate cause of the revolution

was the return to Belgrade of Lieutenant Lungievitza, brother of the queen, and a supposed candidate for the throne "The surviving ministers have been ar rested. 'The obsequies of the king and queen will

be held June 14. Belgrade Illuminated.

"A festal illumination of Belgrade is pro jected for this evening." The dispatch concludes with stating that

intense joy prevails at Belgrade. The German government cannot be said to have taken up any attitude as yet regarding the provisional administration of Servia. Horror was expressed at the foreign office at the bloody coup d'etat. The immediate feeling is one of antagonism to the new ministry, and there is an indisposition to make its path easy. The foreign office for the present is simply awaiting full information from its legation at Belgrade, and is also sounding the other chancellories

Situation Simplified.

The fact that the late King Alexander was not allied to any European reigning family is regarded as simplifying the situation. Germany has no special political interest in the events in Servia. That an intrigue looking to the dethronement of the created July 1, under section 11 of the De-Jovan Avakumovies, Premier; L. Jubo- late king was on foot had been known to nur Kalievics, Foreign Minister; Stojah the German government and also to the government of Servia for some time, but no importance was attached to the matter. The late king seems to have looked upon the hints of the existence of a plot as not having special significance. Reports to this effect have been circulated in the Austrian and German newspapers and have been cabled to the United States, but as the Balkans are so productive of baseless rumors those concerning the plot against the late King of Servia were treated lightly. BERLIN, June 11.—The members of the provisional ministry of Servia form an energetic group. Each one is a person of me celebrity in Servia. M. Avakumovics, the new premier, was

premier in the liberal government of 1892, and previously was minister of justice and judge of the court of appeals. He is the

best-known jurist in Servia. Prominent Leaders.

M. Protics, the new minister of the interior, is the most prominent leader of the radicals and an able speaker and writer. M. Kalievics, the new foreign minister, was premier in 1875, and later minister at Vienna. Latterly he had been a senator and has been occupying a neutral political

M. Schlokovics, the new minister of just tice, sharply criticised the doings of the royal pair in the last parliament. Like M. Protics, he was condemned to twenty years' imprisonment because of his complicity in a plot against King Milan, but he was par-

M. Genshics, the new minister of commerce, served two years in prison on the charge of high treason for his opposition to the late King Alexander's marriage.

BERLIN, June 11.-The Frankfort Zeitung, in its version of the tragedy at Belgrade, says that when the troops entered the royal bed room King Alexander saized a revolver and shot the queen and then killed himself.

Queen Was Disliked.

LONDON, June 12.-The Servian minister said there were many causes leading to the revolution. A large section of the people were greatly dissatisfied with the tendency of King Alexander to eliminate the radical element from the government and by the constant rumors of his intention to appoint Queen Draga's brother, Lunjevitza, heir apparent.

In addition to this the queen was disliked by the people, who were also intensely outraged at the recent suspension of the con-stitution. The minister did not anticipate that the changes would result in internecine strife or in any real dangers to the coun-

New King a Swine Owner.

He pointed out that the original Kara George was not a prince. He was a rich swine owner. The father of the new king was made a prince in 1842.

The minister also related a curious incident. He said that a month ago he was present at a clairvoyant's seance, at which letter written by the murdered king was handed to the clairvoyant, who immediately became intensely agitated, predicted that King Alexander would be assassinated very shortly, and even depicted the scene which appears to have been enacted at the palace at Belgrade during the night.

Will Not Be War.

LONDON, June 11 .- The tragedy of the palace at Belgrade, marking the latest of the revolutions which have convulsed Servia from time to time during the pastcentury, is not regarded in diplomatic circles in London as likely to lead to civil war. Stress is laid on the unpopularity of King Alexander since his marriage to Queen Draga. King Alexander's successor, Peter Karageorgevitch, is a son-in-law of the Prince of Montenegro and is regarded as being most acceptable to the pecple. The universal anxiety of the govern-ments of Europe for peace is advanced as a reason why the Servian situation is not likely to lead to complications. Should, however, these unexpectedly arise official circles think an Austro-Hungarian army restore order. This eventuality, however, is considered improbable.

BELGRADE, June, 11.-The people received the news of the assassinations, which

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in Belgrade in 1846 and was married in Transfers to Take Place on July 1.

FOREIGN STATISTICS

TO BE EDITED BY EX-CONSUL MONAGHAN.

Secretary Cortelyou Plans to Consolidate Two Disbursing Offices-New Seal Adopted.

On the 1st of July the bureau of foreign commerce of the Department of State, which has charge of the collection, publication and distribution of the commercial reports of consular officers, will be transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor, and consolidated with the bureau of statistics, which is to be transferred from the treasury to the new department. The collection of the reports will be made through the consular officers, under the direction of the Secretary of State, through whom the reports will be transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The two departments are expected to work in harmonious co-operation, as the functions of each are clearly defined and there is full agreement between them. Mr. James C. Monaghan, who has been chosen by Secremonagnan, who has been chosen by secte-tary Cortelyou to edit the reports, under the supervision of Mr. Austin, chief of the bu-reau of statistics, is a professor in the commercial department of the University of Wisconsin, and was consul at Manheim, Germany, from June 17, 1885, to March 24, 1890, and at the important industrial center of Saxony—Chemnitz—from May 5, 1893, to March 31. 1900, so that he has had excep-tional experience in consular work. While consul at Chemnitz he was a frequent contributor to consular reports on a great variety of subjects, and wrote a valuable series of articles on the technical and trade schools of Germany. It is to be assumed, therefore, that the efficiency and celerity attained by the State Department in the publication of commer-

cial information from abroad will not only be fully maintained by him, but the value of the publication will be enhanced because of the greater variety of information obtained by the consolidated bureaus

Bureau of Trade Relations. Mr. Frederic Emory, who, since April, 1894, has had charge of this and other branches of the work as chief of the bureau of foreign commerce (known until July 1. 1897, as the bureau of statistics), will re main in the State Department as chief of the new bureau of that department to be partment of Commerce act, which provides that a person with the rank of chief of bureau shall be designated by the Secretary of State "to formulate, under his direction for the instruction of consular officers, the requests of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor; and to prepare from the dispatches

of consular officers, for transmission to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, such information as pertains to the work of the Department of Commerce and Labor." Besides these functions the new bureau of the State Department, which is to be known as the bureau of trade relations, will have other duties, such as the collection and transmission of consular reports on special subjects, other than commercial, for various branches of the government service

and the compiling of information for the use of the Department of State in the consideration of questions arising in our foreign intercourse.

To Consolidate Disbursing Offices. Secretary Cortelyou has determined to consolidate the office of disbursing clerk, Department of Labor, with the disbursing office of the Department of Commerce and Labor from July 1 next, when the Department of Labor will become a bureau of the new department, This course will simplify the work of accounting to the officers of the treasury, as the disbursements on account of the Department of Labor will be included in the accounts of the disbursing officer of the Department of the disbursing officer of the Department of the disbursing officer of the Department of the Dep Commerce and Labor, doing away with one set of accounts in the Secretary's office, the auditor's office, the treasury in Washington and the subtreasury in New York. The services of the disbursing clerk of the Department of Labor will be required in connection with the examination of the vouchers for expenditures in that department, before they are sent to the Secretary's office for audit and payment. The commission of statistical work re cently appointed by Secretary Cortelyou has unanimously recommended that the statistics of cities of 30.000 population and next as possible.

over, authorized to be collected by the Department of Labor under an act of Congress approved July 1, 1898, be transferred to the census office as early after July 1 Cortelyou has approved this recommendation and has announced his intention to issue an order in accordance

the ewith on or about the 1st of July.

The New Seal. Section 1 of the act approved February 14, 1903, establishing the Department of Commerce and Labor, provides that the Secretary of Commerce and Labor "shall cause a seal of office to be made for the said department of such device as the President shall approve." After careful consideration of many designs, the following has been recommended by Secretary Cortelyou and approved by the President:



The ship is a symbol of commerce, and the anvil and hammer are symbols of in-The crest is the eagle of the American arms and denotes the national scope of the The original of the seal is correct in all heraldic details.

Movements of Naval Vessels. The Navy Department is informed of the arrival of the Kentucky, Oregon, New Or-

leans and Helena at Taku from Cheefoo, and of the departure of the Wompatuck from Cavite for Cheefoo; also of the de-parture of the Monterey and Pompey from Shanghai for Cheefoo. The Alert is at Santa Barbara and the Nashy at Key West. for San Diego.

COWBOYS GUARDED CHISIS

CITIZENS. Men Charged With Killing of Berry

NO FIGHT BETWEEN TROOPS AND

Family on Their Way to Trial.

ST. FRANCIS, Kan., June 11.-Chauncey Dewey, Clyde Wilson and W. J. McBride, charged with the murder of several of the members of the Berry family near Colby, Kan., have arrived under escort of Company G of the 2d Regiment of the Kansas National Guard.

The prisoners are closely guarded by soldiers to prevent any attempt of Berry sympathizers to capture them. Hundreds of persons gathered in the town to witness the arrival of the troops, but no demonstration of any kind was made.

The troops, with their charges, are encamped on the court house grounds, with pickets out.

At several points during the march from Colby men were met who were known to be friends of the Berrys or enemies of the Deweys, and the greatest precaution was exercised to prevent them wreaking vengeance upon the prisoners. At no time, however, were any advances made in this

HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

John Pickens Held for Murder of Maggie Grant.

special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NORFOLK, Va., June 11 .- John Pickens, who married the widow of ex-Representative John F. Dezendorf, has been held for the grand jury for the murder of Maggie Grant, who died after being assaulted over the head with a lamp in Pickens' hand. No bail was asked, and Pickens was returned to jail. He did not take the stand, and there were no witnesses for the defense. Coroner Knight and the dead woman's two daughters appeared as witnesses for the state. Judge Thomas H. Willcox acted as counsel for Pickens.

WASHINGTONIANS GRADUATE.

Columbia University Degrees for Leola Evans and John Miller.

pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, June 11 .- At the Columbia University commencement Leola May Evans, A.B., Columbian University, 1902, of Washington, received the degree of master of arts, and John Morris Miller, A. B., of Washington, took the bachelor of law

CONRAD KAHLER DEAD.

Inventor of Newspaper Folding Machine Lived in Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 11.-Conrad Kahler, an employe of the Chicago Tribune for thirty years, died early today after a long illness. Mr. Kahler was born in Bavaria in

For many years he was head of the Tribune press room, and invented the folding machine now in use in all large newspaper

CAPT. CLOVER HERE.

Recently Relieved as Naval Attache at

American Embassy in London. Capt. Richardson Clover, recently relieved by Capt. Charles H. Stockton as naval attache at the American embassy in London, reported at the Navy Department today, having arrived in this city last evening. He will be granted a short leave of absence in order to permit him to make a trip to California on private business and will then hold himself in readiness for assignment to the command of a warship of the first

To Select Officers for Retirement.

The Secretary of the Navy has appointed board consisting of Rear Admirals Benham, Ramsay, Watson, Remey and Terry, with Lieut. W. H. Whittelsey as recorder, to select two lieutenants of the line of the navy for retirement on the 1st of July next under the provisions of the personnel law.

A Patent Office Appointment. Miss Jessie Haigh has been appointed a

typewriter and stenographer in the patent office at a salary of \$720 per annum.

The New Chief Examiner. The new chief-examiner of the civil service commission, Mr. Frank Kiggins, has received the heartiest kind of congratulations from his friends throughout the country. He has jumped into his new work with a will that suggests that he intends

keeping up the high standard set by his predecessor, Mr. Serven. The latter was a caller at the civil service commission building this afternoon. He said he enjoyed the practice of law in the few days he had been engaged therein, but was anxious to see his old friends of the

Coal for St. Elizabeth's.

Bids for furnishing coal, etc., to the Government Hospital for the Insane will be opened tomorrow by the board appointed by the interior department and the contract will be awarded. There are a number of bidders, nearly all being local contractors.

To Report to Chief of Engineers. Capt. William V. Judson, Corps of Engineers, has been relieved from duty at the Engineer School of Application, Washington barracks, and ordered to report to the chief of engineers, for duty in his office in this city.

Officers Assigned to Regiments. Officers recently promoted have been as-

signed to regiments as follows: Lieut. Col. Frank U. Robinson to the 5th Cavalry, vice West, detailed for duty in the inspector general's department; Major Daniel H. Boughton to the 2d Cavalry, vice Robinson. promoted; Capt. Roy B. Harper to the 3d Cavalry, Troop B. vica. Boughton, promoted; First Lieut. Solomen H. Jeffers, to the 7th Cavalry, Troop B., vice Harper, promoted; Lieut. Col. Wm. L. Pitcher to the 28th Infantry, vice Williams, detailed for duty in the inspector general's depart-

Col. Michael Resumes His Duties. Col. Michael, chief clerk of the State De-partment, has almost entirely recovered from the shock incident to the falling of the elevator in the Stanton House last Tuesday and has resumed his duties at the State Department

Commissioned Notary Public. Mr. Louis C. Wilson, private secretary to lied from Mare Island | Commissioner West, has been commissioned a notary public by the Attorney General. | Acting Adjt. Gen. Hall repeated the fore-general, | Chief Clerk Scofield. | Chief Clerk Sc

St. Louis.

RAILROADS CRIPPLED

PASSENGERS UNABLE TO REACH ST. LOUIS FROM THE EAST.

Rescue Work Goes on-Lack of Drinking Water is Serious Menace to Health.

ST. LOUIS, June 11.-The situation in East St. Louis remains about the same as of the fact that his majesty the emperor last night. The flood on the south is being has the means at hand to relieve suffering held back at Missouri avenue, where the levee is watched unceasingly, as elsewhere, by thousands of workers, ready with bags of sand to stop any break that may occur. The river has fallen a fraction of an inch since last night. The stage at 7 o'clock

this morning was 37.9. The night was cold for this time of the year, and there was considerable suffering among the thousands of homeless persons on the east side, most of whom, however were taken care of in comparative comfort in tents and other modes of shelter.

No Drinking Water. Lack of drinking water is one of th worst inconveniences suffered by the peo ple of East St. Louis who were caught in the second stories of their dwellings by the flood. Many are compelled to drink of the water that surrounds them on all sides, and much sickness is likely to result if this

Representative Rodenberg, who has charge of rescue work in East St. Louis, sent hundreds of men out early with boats through the submerged district, taking off people from the second stories and roofs of houses, and removing them to places of

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., June 11 .- "Not one" person has been drowned by the inundation of this city," said Chief of Police Purdy today.

"Several persons have fallen from rafts and from overturned boats and been drowned by accident, but not a life has been lost by inundating water. If all the dikes surrounding East St. Louis were to break at once today there would be no loss of life and the city would not be flooded in the residential district, while there would not be more than two feet of water in the business portion. People have been so thoroughly warned that they would escape from the most dangerous places at the first menace of danger, and even if the water came in it could not come in in an overwhelming deluge. However, the dikes are more than sufficient to protect the city from damage, and the crisis is over.

"The impression has gone abroad that martial law has been proclaimed. I want to assert that martial law has not been proclaimed, and will not be. We are amply able to preserve order in the ordinary police manner, and although there are militiamen here, the soldiers are under my direct orders and are simply doing police

East St. Louis, which has for a week beer thrown into a turmoil, is rapidly regaining normal conditions in the business districts under water, although it will be weeks be fore the effect of the flood is offset.

In order to prevent curious outsiders from idly collecting in the city, and to protect exposed property from thieves, the police department has issued passes by the hundred to accredited citizens. No others are allowed to pass into or from the city with

out a special permit.

It is impossible to get water today except on an official order signed by the city clerk. This measure was taken by the mayor this morning in order to prevent waste of the scant supply of usable water Water is still seeping through Broadway but that thoroughfare, which is "made ground," still holds, and it is believed will

not break. Railroads Cramped.

ST. LOUIS, June 11.-Except for westbound traffic, railroad passengers are not beginning their journeys from union station during the flood time, but are starting from various points on the Illinois side of the Mississippi.

Western passenger trains from St. Louis are gradually resuming normal conditions. The Missouri Pacific, which is the only line running through to Kansas City and other points on its own track, is practically making schedule time.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas is running on the Missouri Pacific to Sedalia, where it connects with its own track. The Wabash is running on Its own track to Moberly, and then uses the Missouri Pa-

cific tracks. For the first time in a number of days the Wabash last night started out a through sleeper to New York. The sleeper was routed to Moberly, and thence to Hannibal and on east. This service will be continued until the Wabash is running again

The St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern, running south, is uninterrupted by the

Arriving by Boats.

East-bound traffic, however, is facing a different situation. Passengers for the Chicago and Alton, Burlington, Big Four and Wabash find their tracks at Alton after arriving at Alton by boat. The Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern starts its trains from Cone station, which is reached by street car from East St. Louis.

The Vandalia passengers take the street car from East St. Louis to Collinsville, where an accommodation train carries them to Effingham, where they connect with Van-dalia trains. Passengers for points south on the Illinois Central go to Belleville, Ill., by street car and catch their trains. Chicago-bound passengers run to Sandoval, Ill., over the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern and connect with the Illinois Central there. The Southern railway and Louisville and

Nashville roads are taking passengers from a point as near the Relay station in East St. Louis as possible. The Clover Leaf is taking aboard passengers at Edwardsville. No terminus for the Mobile and Ohio road has yet been arranged, and no traffic is going out over that road from here.

Tents, Blankets and Cots Needed.

Additional information in regard to the flood conditions in the west was received at the War Department this morning. Mayor Earn of Belleville, Ill., telegraphed the Secretary of War as follows: "Several thousand flood refugees from East St. Louis and vicinity are here. We are badly in need of tents, blankets and cots. Communication with St. Louis cut off. Can your department furnish supplies needed from Jeffersonville, Ind., or Chicago, Ill.? If so, will send estimate of requirements."

Department of the Lakes at Chicago, and directed that he send an officer to Belleville as soon as possible to examine in and report upon the condition of affairs as described by the Waters Still Threaten East

Waters Still Threaten East

| Scribed by the mayor. The officer is also to report as to the urgent necessity to save life for tents, blankets and cots. The mayor of Belleville has been notified of the action taken.

RUSSIA DECLINES WITH THANKS. Doesn't Want Money or Advice Regarding the Kishenef Massacre.

Numerous offers have reached the Russian government from American sources to aid the families of sufferers in the recent Kishenef incident. All such offers have been declined for the reason that Russia is entirely capable of extending relief, and under the circumstances cannot

accept outside aid. The Russian position in the matter, as stated to the Associate's ress, in brief, is as follows:

"Russia has not been unappreciative of

the generous offers which have come to her from America since the affair at Kish-enef nor of the humanitarian motive which wherever it appears in his empire outside aid is unnecessary, and all offers of such must be declined. Nor will it be possible for Russia to receive any representations regarding the Kishenef incident from a foreign power. The Russian government takes the same position as that long held by the American government, namely, that it refrains from interference in the internal affairs of another power, and must insist on similar treatment for itself. Should any foreign power take steps to restrict immi-gration of Russian Jews on the ground that they are undesirable. Russia will not protest. She admits the right of every na-tion to say who shall come through its gates and who shall not. Should any country, as a result of the Kishenef incident, adopt measures restricting immigration of Russian Jews, Russia will regard such a step only as a defensive measure on the part of the power taking it, and not in the light of a reflection on the Russian govern-

THREE TROOPS SENT.

Dismounted Cavalry Ordered

Arizona Scene of Trouble. Advices received at the War Department indicate a serious condition of affairs at Morenci, Ariz., on account of which the acting governor of the territory applied to the President for federal assistance. There has been some difficulty in the movement of the regular troops to the seat of trouble on account of the recent floods.

Acting Adjt. Gen. Hall has received the following telegram from Gen, Baldwin, commanding the Department of Colorado,

at Denver: "Compliance with your telegram, have ordered three troops 14th Cavalry, dis-mounted, from Grant, under Col. Lebo, and two troops from Huachuca, under Maj.
O'Connor, by rail to Morenci. In case
further troops are needed have I authority
to send from other posts without reference
to War Department? If trouble does not subside soon will go myself to Morenci." In response to this telegram, Acting Adit. Gen. Hall telegraphed Gen. Baldwin at

Denver as follows: "Referring to your telegram of this date relative to affairs at Morenci, Ariz., Secretary of War desires a report on existing conditions soon as possible. You have authority in case of emergency to order additional troops. Please keep the department informed of your needs.'

TO COMMAND THE DOLPHIN.

Lieut. Commander Gibbons Will Relieve Lieut. Commander Stoney. Lieutenant Commander John H. Gibbons now on duty in the office of naval intelligence, has been ordered to duty in command of the United States dispatch boat Dolphin, which is usually kept at the personal disposition of the President and the Secretary of the Navy. He will relieve Lieutenant Commander George M. Stoney,

who has been transferred to duty on the Santee, at Annapolis. The Dolphin will be used by the Secretary of the Navy during the present summer in making an inspection of the naval stations and yards along the northern Atlantic coast. It is probable that several members of the congressional naval committees will accom-

pany the Secretary on this cruise. KIDNAPED BY PIRATES.

An American Held for a Ransom of \$9,000.

Consul McWade at Canton, China, dated yesterday: "American kidnaped yesterday by pirates while proceeding from Canton to Heunghan. Nine thousand dollars is asked. I have sent the Callao (American gunboat) to the rescue and to demand that the viceroy secure the release of the man and the punishment of the pirates. Détails later."

The Secretary of State has received the

following cablegram from United States

WAITING FOR TITLES.

Condemnation Proceedings for Land

for House Office Building. All action on the part of the superintendent of the Capitol in relation to the work of constructing the new office building for the House of Representatives, to be located on B street east, south of the Capitol grounds, is awaiting a determination of the title to the land and condemnation proceedings for acquiring it. When the appropriation of \$750,000 for the site for the building and to begin construction was made last winter it was expected that that amount would be sufficient to not only purchase the site, but also to begin the preparation of the founda-

tion for the building this fall.

The large amount of work which has been placed on the title companies in this city by the purchase of this square, and by the extensive purchases incident to the railroad improvements, as well as by real estate market, have combined to make it difficult to get titles examined promptly. As soon as these titles have all been finally passed upon condemnation proceedings will be begun. Until these matters have been completed it will not be possible for the su-perintendent of the Capitol, under whose direction the work is to be done, to begin making tests for the foundation of the building. It is believed that no great difficulty will be met in the matter of securing a satisfactory foundation for the new building in reasonable time and at a cost that

Railway Commissioners to Meet.

A call has been issued for the fifteenth innual convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners, at Portland, Maine, July 14. The sujects to be taken up are grade crossings, classification of operating and construction expenses, taxes and plans for ascertaining fair valuations of railroad property; unification of classification and simplification of tariff sheets; railroad statistics, legislation needed; safety applances; rates and rate making and forms of reports of electric railways.

Chief Clerk Scofield in Charge. Assistant Secretary Sanger has gone away for a few days, and Secretary Root being at West Point the affairs of the War Department are temporarily in charges.

tric railways.

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THREE OTHERS HURT

CHARLES D. KEYES IN HORRIBLE AGONY FOR HOURS.

Officials of the Road State the Cause of Accident-Mistake Made.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 11.-As & result of the injuries received in the terrific head-on collision which occurred between a northbound freight and a southbound work train on the Southern road near Ravensworth last night Charles D. Keyes died at the Alexandria Hospital today at 2 o'clock. Mr. Keyes, who was about thirty years old, and railroad insurance agent, was terribly injured, his right hip being crushed, his right arm and leg badly bruised and mashed, his face severely lacerated and his right eye and ear badly cut. When he reached the hospital he was suffering from the shock to such an extent that an operation for his relief

was out of the question. The injuries sustained by the other persens in the wreck, as ascertained today,

are as follows: Engineer Mason Saunders of this city, who sustained several bruises over the body and is said to be in a state bordering

on nervous prostration. Nathaniel Stanley, also of Alexandria, a brakeman, whose left leg was severely cut.

A. R. Johnson, colored, of this city, a fireman, who was cut about the face and bruised over the body.

While these persons are quite severely hurt, their condition is not considered seri-Scene of the Collision.

The collision occurred about 8 o'clock last

evening between northbound local freight train No. 62 and a southbound work train at a point just to the north of Rayensworth, twelve miles below Alexandria. At the time of the crash both trains were traveling rapidly. The engines plowed into each other, the terrific force of the shock wrecking several of the cars of the local freight and demolishing the few attached to the work engine. Both locomotives were overturned and several of the cars were derailed and demolished. Engineer Saunders and his colored fireman saw the impending disaster too late to jump, which was the case also with Mr. Keyes gineer B. G. Jennings, Fireman H. J. Keyes and Conductor W. R. Poole of the southbound train managed to leap before the collision. They escaped with slight bruises As soon as some of the more fortunate of the trainmen could regain their bearings after the crash they made an investigation, which finally revealed young Keyes in a horrible position, fastened to the earth with a portion of the wrecked engine on which he had ridden impinging against his right side. He was conscious and remained so throughout a period of about three hours, during which time efforts were being made to release him. But the trainmen were practically powerless until the wrecking train, which was made up here soon after the accident, reached the scene. Then it required a considerable time to remove the engine on account of the large mass of de-

Wrecking Train Sent Out. The news of the wreck was wired to Alexandria a short time after the occurrence from one of the nearby stations. Trainmaster Abrams at once took energetic steps to make up a wrecking train which hurried to Ravensworth, bearing Mr. Abrams, Master Mechanic Merriam and Dr.

M. W. O'Brien, surgeon of the company.

and the wounded, who were sent back as

The train left here between 8 and 9 o'clock

soon as Mr. Keyes was gotten out of the wreck, reached Alexandria at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Keyes and the colored fireman. Johnson, were conveyed at one to the Alexandria Hospital.

Engineer Saunders was able to reach his home in Prince street between Payne and Fayette streets, with assistance, and Brakeman Stanley was conveyed to his home in Upper Duke street. Even at that large crowd which had hung

around the telegraph offices of the road at

the depot in the early evening, waiting for details of the accident, had not materially Officials of the road state that the wreck was caused by the passage of the north-bound train by Burkes station, where it had orders to pass the work train there. Ravensworth is about three miles this side of Burkes, and there is no loop switch at the former station. An official of the road said this morning that when No. (2 passed Burkes there was an engine on the siding there and the presumption was, he said, that the trainmen had mistaken that engine for the one drawing the work train. At any rate No. 02 passed Burkes without stopping and both trains were swinging rapidly around the sharp curves about

Ravensworth when they dashed down upon

Wild Rumors Afloat. It was late this morning before the track was cleared away and traffic resumed. In the meantime the southbound passenger trains were tied up here and the northbound passenger trains were held at some point a considerable distance below the scene of the wreck. When the news reached this city last evening it attracted a large crowd of people to the Southern debot on South Henry street. There were a!! sorts of rumors affoat, some to the effect that three or four men were pinned down under the wreckage and that their bodies could not then be extricated, and statements were going the rounds which had it that several trainmen were killed, who it is now known were not on either of the trains. Among the first reports received was one to the effect that Engineer Saun ders and Mr. Keyes had been killed. This was at once transmitted to the family of Mr. Saunders, whose distress was not relieved until a half hour later, when word came that he had only been slightly injured. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Keyes, the parents of the unfortunate young agent, were out of the city at the time, but the statements announcing his alleged death were received

with great regret by the crowd. Finally about 11 o'clock speculation was put at rest by the announcement, which was said to be official, that no one had been killed outright.

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Mr. Keyes, the man who was fatally injured, was agent in this section for the Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company, and it was his business to travel daily from point to point along the line of the Southern road in Virginia. He left Alexandria yesterday afternoon on No. 15, the passenger train for the Manassas branch, in company with his father, who is inspector of engines on the Southern. The young man get off at Manassas and in the evening boarded the engine of No. 62 to return to Alexandria. He was riding in